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<b>Application Number</b>	10/621,023
<b>Filing Date</b>	July 16, 2003
<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Junichi Hibino
<b>Art Unit</b>	2879
<b>Examiner Name</b>	Leurig, Sharlene L.
<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	52478-0417

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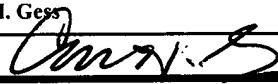
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Junichi Hibino et al.

Serial No.: 10/621,023

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For: GAS DISCHARGE PANEL AND  
METHOD OF PRODUCTION OF A  
GAS DISCHARGE PANEL

Patent Examiner: Leurig, Sharlene L.

Group Art Unit: 2879

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**PRELIMINARY RCE AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Dear Sirs:

Responsive to the Office Action of April 4, 2005, and the advisory action of July 13, 2005, kindly amend the above-identified application before examination as follows: